MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
SANTA MARIA CITY COUNCIL

SANTA MARIA PUBLIC LIBRARY
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

NOVEMBER 3, 2015

INVOCATION:
Tim Mossholder of Santa Maria Foursquare Church gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
Councilmember Zuniga led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
City Manager Haydon, City Attorney Trujillo, City Librarian Housel, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kahn, Police Chief Martin, Fire Chief Orr, Recreation and Parks Director Posada, Director of Utilities Springer, Deputy City Manager Stilwell, Director of Administrative Services Visé, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz.

1. PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

A. PRESENTATION – "GOING THE EXTRA MILE" (GEM) AWARD
City Manager Haydon presented the City's *Going the Extra Mile* (GEM) Award to Police Corporal Bob Prescott for ensuring the Police Department's interests were addressed during the construction of the new facility.

Police Chief Martin thanked Corporal Prescott for his help during the construction process.

Corporal Prescott thanked the City Council and staff for the award and acknowledged Jeff Stoner from The IBI Group; Eddy Williams, a contract employee; and Rodger Olds from the City's Engineering Department for their guidance during the building process.

City Manager Haydon also presented the City's *Going the Extra Mile* (GEM) Award to Landfill Heavy Equipment Lead Operator Lance Lodes of the Utilities Department for his innovative execution of projects at the landfill.

Director of Utilities Springer expressed his gratitude to the City Council and staff for selecting Mr. Lodes as a recipient of the GEM Award.

Mr. Lodes thanked Harold Rios, Sr. and Butch Rios; Jim Perry; Albert Montes; Billy Brown; and Doug Shearer for being great mentors to him.

Director of Utilities Springer introduced the new Solid Waste Manager Herb Cantu saying he was a graduate of Fresno State University with previous experience as a manager of the landfill in Fresno.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
There were no requests to speak.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR:
Councilmember Waterfield recused herself from voting on Item 3D (Warrants), due to a financial conflict of interest.

Consent Calendar Items 3A through 3K (except Item 3D) were approved on motion by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Zuniga, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

AYES:	Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Consent Calendar Item 3D (Warrants), was approved on motion by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote: 4-0-1

AYES: Councilmembers Orach, Boysen, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Waterfield

A. ORDINANCES
The reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions was waived. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar were adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicated otherwise.

B. MINUTES
The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of October 20, 2015, were approved as submitted.

C. RETENTION SCHEDULE REVISION
Resolution No. 2015-92 was adopted approving revisions to the Citywide Records Retention Schedule contained in the adopted Document Management Program.

Resolution No. 2015-92 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING REVISIONS TO THE CITYWIDE RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE.

D. WARRANTS
Warrant Nos. 196359 to 196637 totaling $2,596,480.12 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services. Warrant No. 191249 was cancelled.

E. PAYROLL
Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Heads, as shown on records on file in the Department of Administrative Services and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

F. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2015-12 – FREEWAY TOWER OVERLAY
The City Council conducted the second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2015-12 amending Title 12 of the Santa Maria Municipal Code regulating freeway tower signs.

Ordinance No. 2015-12 adopted. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 12 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING TOWER SIGNS (Z2015-0001) AND AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FOR 24.3 ACRES ALONG U.S. HIGHWAY 101 AND NORTH BROADWAY (Z2015-0003).

G. TWO HOUR PARKING ZONE ON MCCLELLAND
Resolution No. 2015-93 was adopted establishing a 2-hour limited time parking zone on North McClelland Street.

Resolution No. 2015-93 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A 2-HOUR LIMITED TIME PARKING ZONE ON NORTH MCCLELLAND STREET PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-5.14 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

H. CROSSWALKS AT JIMENEZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Resolution No. 2015-94 was adopted establishing yellow school crosswalks within the vicinity of Roberto and Dr. Francisco Jimenez Elementary School.

Resolution No. 2015-94 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING PAINTED YELLOW CROSSWALKS AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF WEST SONYA LANE/SOUTH BISCAYNE STREET, WEST SONYA LANE/SOUTH WESTERN AVENUE, AND WEST CARMEN LANE/SOUTH WESTERN AVENUE PURSUANT TO SECTION 21106 OF THE CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE.

I. AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY FACILITY USE
Resolution No. 2015-95 was adopted authorizing an agreement between the County of Santa Barbara and the City of Santa Maria for use of the Minami Community Center and Abel Maldonado Community Youth Center as emergency facilities in the event of a natural disaster or local emergency.

Resolution No. 2015-95 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN EMERGENCY FACILITY USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA AND THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND PARKS TO SIGN AND ADMINISTER THE AGREEMENT.

J. AGREEMENT WITH S.E. CHAMBERS CONSTRUCTION FOR UTILITY LOCATING SERVICES
Resolution No. 2015-96 was adopted authorizing an agreement for professional services with S.E. Chambers Construction Inc., to provide utility locating services.

Resolution No. 2015-96 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH S.E. CHAMBERS CONSTRUCTION INC. TO PROVIDE UTILITY LOCATING SERVICES.

K. RENEWAL OF DESIGNATION OF RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT ZONE
Resolution No. 2015-97 was adopted authorizing the County of Santa Barbara to submit a ten year redesignation application to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, on behalf of the City of Santa Maria as a participating partner, to renew the designation of the Santa Barbara Regional Recycling Market Development Zone as a recycling market development zone.

Resolution No. 2015-97 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, TO SUBMIT A RE-DESIGNATION APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY TO RENEW THE DESIGNATION OF THE SANTA BARBARA REGIONAL ZONE AS A RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT ZONE.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE FIRST QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015. Director of Administrative Services Visé gave a presentation as detailed in the written Council Agenda Report. The beginning General Fund balance is $10,268,000. Sales Tax receipts in the first quarter of the year were $164,000 greater than last fiscal year showing increased activity in auto sales and lumber materials. NHIS revenue is at 23 percent of budget and it is possible the effects of the upcoming El Nino may cause a decrease in revenues in this category, but staff anticipates budgeted revenues of $1,800,000. Permit revenues are at $687,000, about $302,000 greater than last fiscal year.

Expenditures include the annual fire debt service payment of $653,000 to the Solid Waste Collection Fund for the payoff of the CalPERS Side Fund. There are about seven annual payments remaining on this loan. Concerning Measure U revenues for the first quarter, revenues are on budget at about 25.5 percent at $1,066,000 and expenditures are at 22.3 percent and include the annual levee loan payment to the Solid Waste Collection Fund for $106,130 paid in September. Through September, roughly 84 percent of expenditures were on public safety with 41 percent spent on Fire and 43 percent spent on Police operations.

Regarding Enterprise Funds, for the water/wastewater fund, expenditures have exceeded revenue by about $1.6 million primarily because they included the annual debt service principal payment and semi-annual interest payment for the 2012AB Refunding Bonds. In the Solid Waste fund, revenues exceeded expenditures by $155,000.

Public Input
There were no requests to speak.

Council Discussion
There was no Council discussion.

The first quarter financial report was received and ordered filed, and Resolution No. 2015-98 was adopted approving amendments to the 2015-16 budget and authorizing the City Manager to implement same on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2015-98 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE 2015-16 BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT SAME.

5. MARIAN MEDICAL CENTER PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS. Director of Public Works Kahn gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report. He indicated that pedestrians have been crossing Church Street and Palisade Drive to get to various medical facilities without regard to the current crosswalks on block corners. City staff and Marian Medical staff have met with a consultant and created the following proposed improvements to include: 1) a new mid-block crosswalk on Palisade Drive; 2) a new sidewalk to Cypress Way; and 3) replacement of existing stairs with a walkway and ramp allowing easier access to the crosswalk. Marian Medical staff also proposes building two on-site sidewalks from the Medical Center to the sidewalk on Palisade Drive which would focus pedestrian traffic to the crosswalks. A new fence would also be installed along the parking lot to prevent pedestrian traffic from crossing in the middle of Palisade Drive.

On Church Street, staff is proposing a mid-block crosswalk with bulb-outs that would shorten the distance a pedestrian would have to cross in the right-of-way. These bulb-outs would increase the visibility of pedestrians by drivers and would cause vehicles to slow when passing. Another proposed feature would be raised markers on the curve just before the bulb-outs which would slow traffic and direct vehicles away from the curb and into the bulb-outs.

Councilmember Waterfield asked if any of the proposed crosswalks would have lighting, particularly for the Palisade Drive parking lot as there tends to be glare from the hospital lights in the evening that decreases a driver's visibility of the crosswalk and any pedestrians.

Director of Public Works Kahn responded that there is one light near-by the Palisade crosswalk, and said staff would certainly consider lighting as needed for safety.

Councilmember Waterfield asked about the impacts of the improvements on the surrounding neighborhood. She also asked if there currently were signs on the bend around Palisade Drive indicating a pedestrian crossing ahead.

Director of Public Works Kahn responded the work would be done approximately 500 to 600 feet from the nearest residential driveway and there were pedestrian crossing signs in the area. Staff would be sure to examine the exact placement of the signs.

Councilmember Orach commented that a light coming from the parking lot should be added to the other side of the Palisade Drive crosswalk to enhance driver visibility. He also asked if the two stop signs on Church Street would remain.

Director of Public Works Kahn responded that the stop signs would not be removed.

Ex Parte Communications
Councilmembers Zuniga, Boysen, Waterfield, and Mayor Patino commented that Sister Janet Corcoran had spoken with them about the item and had requested flashing lights in the crosswalks to increase public safety for pedestrians, particularly for children in the area.

Public Input
Franziska Shepard asked the City Council to postpone the item saying she had not been notified about the crosswalk and the crosswalks may interfere with her driveway. She also expressed concern regarding a lack of signage in the area.

Councilmember Waterfield asked what the City's procedure was when roadwork was being carried out.

Director of Public Works Kahn responded that there was not a legal requirement to notice the proposed work. However, as the project progresses, staff would be happy provide notices to local residents.

City Attorney Trujillo indicated that the City would have design immunity if the City Council pre-approves the design. As the project becomes more defined, it will be brought before Council again for approval. He suggested that Ms. Shepard and Mr. Kahn meet to discuss the details as the project progresses.

Councilmember Waterfield asked if the installation of crosswalks had to be warranted as does the installation of stop signs.

Director of Public Works Kahn responded that crosswalks do have to be warranted and the study of the proposed crosswalks had already been approved by the traffic committee.

Councilmember Orach stated he had visited the area being discussed and supported going forward with the crosswalks and consideration of lighting.

Council Discussion
There was no Council discussion.

Resolution No. 2015-99 was adopted establishing two mid-block crosswalks across South Palisade Drive and East Church Street, on motion by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2015-99 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING MID-BLOCK CROSSWALKS ON SOUTH PALISADE DRIVE AND EAST CHURCH STREET PURSUANT TO SECTION 21106 OF THE CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE.

6. PARK HOURS AND CITY FACILITY CLOSURES. Recreation and Parks Director Posada gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report. In April 2013, park operation hours were set by ordinance. The wording within the ordinance stated that no person could be present in a facility owned by the City during the hours posted. Facility was defined as an outdoor area enclosed by fencing owned or operated by the City of Santa Maria. Staff found the ordinance difficult to enforce as some of the City's parks are too big to fence. Therefore, staff is requesting the removal of any reference to fencing. Staff is also recommending an amendment to the ordinance that would allow a supervising employee at a park or recreational facility to extend the closing time for up to two and one-half hours to accommodate a departmentally approved event; and an amendment stating that entrance to, or remaining in, a facility or park is prohibited between specific hours.

Public Input
There were no requests to speak.

Council Discussion
Councilmember Zuniga asked if all the parks have the same hours of operation.

Recreation and Parks Director Posada responded that the ordinance amendments would allow the Department to set specific hours based on usage. Staff is considering setting hours between dusk and 6:00 a.m.

Ordinance No. 2015-13 was introduced for first reading, and continued to the next meeting for second reading and adoption, amending Section 10-3.205 of the Santa Maria Municipal Code authorizing the setting of operational hours for City parks and facilities on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Ordinance No. 2015-13 introduced. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 10-3.205 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PARK HOURS AND CLOSED CITY FACILITIES.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER:
City Manager Haydon reported the next City Council meeting would be on November 17, 2015 and would include the second reading of the Ordinance 2015-13 that was introduced this evening; a commendation for Billy Brown, retiring Solid Waste Manager who has been with the City 44 years; a Public Hearing regarding fireworks restrictions (as the result of previous meetings with concerned residents); a Downtown Specific Plan update; and a Tourism Marketing District Resolution of Intent.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS):
Councilmember Boysen reported that he attended a Central Coast Water Authority meeting. He reminded the public that KCOY will be holding their annual Turkey Drive on November 19, 2015, from 5:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. supporting several non-profits in the area including Catholic Charities, the Central Coast Rescue Mission, Salvation Army, and Good Samaritan.

Councilmember Orach reported that he attended a meeting with the County of Santa Barbara regarding issues with the Methadone Clinic in Santa Maria; a Rabobank Open House; the Make a Difference Day event; the Foodbank's Empty Bowls fundraiser; and a meeting with the City Manager regarding various opportunities in the City.

Councilmember Waterfield reported that she attended the Tip-A-Cop fundraiser for the Special Olympics; the Rabobank Open House; a meeting with City staff regarding traffic conditions and procedures within the City; spoke as the keynote speaker for Leadership Santa Maria; volunteered at the Foodbank's Empty Bowls fundraiser; attended CALM's Open House; attended the Toys for Tots kick-off event; attended the badge pinning and recognition of new staff in the Police Department; and attended the Young Life Dinner at the Church for Life. She also commented on the impact of the Young Life Program on a man from Lompoc who had lost several members of his family; and expressed her gratitude to the Santa Maria Police Department for recent efforts with a homicide in the City.

Councilmember Zuniga reported that she attended the League of Women Voters Water Forum; the Empty Bowls event; the Police Department's new building dedication; and invited everyone to Prayer Session on the first Tuesday of every month from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Bethel Lutheran Church.

Mayor Patino reported that she attended the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Development Forum; a meeting on the Methadone Clinic in Santa Maria; a meeting with Supervisors Compton and Mecham; the Tip-A-Cop fundraiser for the Special Olympics; the Rabobank Grand Opening; a Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley Board Meeting; an interview with the Santa Maria Times; the Relay for Life kick-off; the Empty Bowls event as the honorary chairperson; participated in an interview with KCOY; met with Marian Medical Center representatives regarding the Center's proposed expansion; met with the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Maria Valley; attended the Young Life Coastal Valley's Banquet; spoke on the Ben Heighes Radio Show; and attended the medical marijuana appeal hearing at the San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisor's meeting.

CLOSED SESSION:
The City Council recessed at 7:29 p.m. to a Closed Session regarding Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6; Agency Representative, Deputy City Manager; Employee Organization, Santa Maria Police Officers Association.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT:
Following the Closed Session, the City Attorney reported there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT:
There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

November 17, 2015
Date

Rhonda M. Garietz
Chief Deputy City Clerk of the City of Santa Maria and ex officio Clerk of the City Council

ATTEST:

Rhonda M. Garietz
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria